

Building Permits Needed for Residential Driveway Projects

riveway improvement season is upon us, and many homeowners choose to install, replace, expand or modify their driveways as the weather gets warmer. The Village would like to remind residents to obtain a building permit before scheduling any work on their driveways. A permit helps to ensure that construction is completed according to the most recent industry standards and regulations, by including a base inspection prior to the surfacing, and a final inspection upon completion.

The cost for a basic remove and replace driveway permit is \$270, plus a refundable \$500 security deposit. Fees may be doubled if work is started without a permit. The Village recommends that, whenever possible, homeowners ask their contractor to put up the security deposit as an extra assurance that the contractor does not abandon a project or a failed inspection. Security deposit refunds take two to four weeks for reimbursement following an approved final inspection.

A permit application can be found on the Village's website at LongGroveIL.gov by selecting the 'forms' tab located on the top navigation bar. The driveway permit application is listed under the 'Building Department Applications' section. A completed application, along with the required materials (listed on the application) and payment, should be submitted in person at the Village office, 3110 Old McHenry Road.

Contact the Building Department with any additional questions at 847-634-9440.